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Group Art Unit: 2838

Serial No.: 09/260,478

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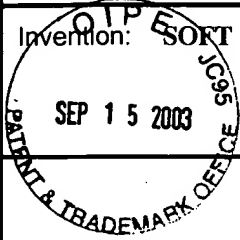
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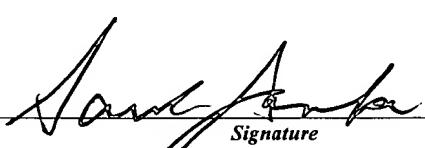
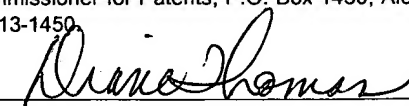
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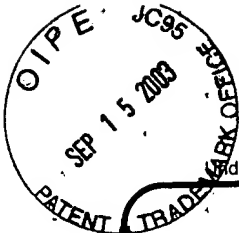
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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- ii. ☐ Other _____

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2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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